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In re Application of:)
KAZUHIRO SONODA ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Known
Application No.: 10/015,749) Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: December 17, 2001)
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) April 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for taking further action, one month, from March 15, 2002 to and including April 15, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to the Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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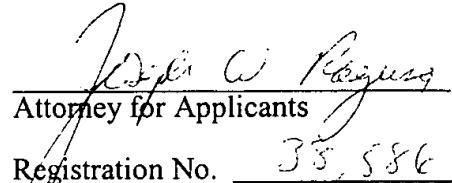
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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